

REGULAR MEETING-MANSFIELD TOWN COUNCIL-MAY 9, 2005

Mayor Elizabeth Paterson called the regular meeting of the Mansfield Town Council to order at 7:32 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Audrey P. Beck Building.

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Blair, Clouette, Haddad, Hawkins, Koehn, Paterson, Paulhus, Redding (arrived at 7:50 p.m.) Schaefer

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr.Haddad moved and Mr. Paulhus seconded to approve the minutes of April 25, 2005.

So passed unanimously.

III. MOMENT OF SILENCE

The Mayor requested a moment of silence for all those serving our country abroad.

IV. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

No comments from the public.

Mr. Haddad moved and Mr. Schaefer seconded to move item #4. Proclamation in Recognition of Emergency Services and Public Safety up on the agenda.

So passed unanimously.

#4. Proclamation in Recognition of Emergency Services and Public Safety

Mr. Haddad moved and Ms. Koehn seconded that effective May 9, 2005, to authorize the Mayor to issue the attached Proclamation in Recognition of Emergency Services and Public Safety Personnel, to acknowledge the efforts of the volunteers and employees who worked tirelessly on behalf of the community during UConn Spring Weekend 2005.

So passed unanimously.

Members of the Eagleville Fire department, the Mansfield Police Department, the Emergency Services Administrator and the Fire Marshal were present and accepted framed proclamations signed by the Mayor. Following the presentation ceremony the members of these groups and their guests and families enjoyed cake and coffee and accepted the thanks of Council members and staff present.

V. OLD BUSINESS

1. Clean Energy

The Town Manager reported that the Town is still waiting for information from SmartPower Inc.

2. Eminent Domain Authorization-Separatist Road Easements

The Town Manager reported that the Director of Public Works Mr. Lon Hultgren has come to terms and negotiated all necessary for the easements.

3. University Spring Weekend and Campus/Community Relations

Town Manager reported that Mr. Matt Hart, Assistant Town Manager will be putting together a report in 3 or 4 weeks on Spring Weekend, including incidences from fire and emergency services.

Ms. Koehn asked who paid for clean up by inmates of the correctional facility. The Town Manager said that they did it free of charge. There was also a general rid-letter day across town, and the University crews also did cleanup.

Ms. Koehn asked who commissioned the telephone survey on attitudes regarding spring weekend. Ms. Redding stated that it was a University of Connecticut research grant project.

Mr. Clouette reported that he, the Mayor, Mr. Hawkins and the Town Manager attended a meeting with the Eagleville Fire Department to hear the department's report on Spring Weekend. All present were impressed again with the professionalism of the fire and emergency services.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

4. Proclamation in Recognition of Emergency Services and Public Safety Personnel Already presented.

5. 2005 America the Beautiful Grant Application

Mr. Clouette moved and Mr. Haddad seconded that effective May 9, 2005, to authorize Director of Public Works Lon R. Hultgren to submit the attached application in the amount of \$6,458 to the America the Beautiful Grant Program to fund the planting of large shade trees along Route 195 in front of the Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building.

So passed unanimously.

6. Stone Mill Road and Laurel Lane Bridge Replacement Grant Applications

Mr. Schaeffer moved and Ms. Blair seconded that the following resolution be adopted:

Resolved, effective May 9, 2005, that Town Manager Martin H. Berliner is hereby authorized to sign and submit on behalf of the Town of Mansfield,

preliminary applications for the Stone Mill Road and Laurel Lane bridge replacement projects.

So passed unanimously.

Mr. Clouette moved and Mr. Hawkins seconded to add Public Works Week to the agenda.

So passed unanimously.

6a. Public Works Week

Mr. Clouette moved and Mr. Hawkins seconded that the Town recognize National Public Works Week with the following Resolution:

Resolved, that the Mansfield Town Council does hereby proclaim the week of May 16, 2005 as "National Public Works Week" in the Town of Mansfield, and calls upon all citizens and civic organizations to recognize the contributions that public works employees make every day to our health, safety, comfort and overall quality of life"

So passed unanimously.

VII. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

VIII. REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

IX. REPORTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Council members discussed the upcoming Annual Town Meeting for Budget consideration. Roberts Rules of Order will conduct the meeting and staff will research and clarify what the word "item" refers to in the Charter.

Ms. Blair mentioned that she had received an email from Mrs. Perfetto regarding his assessments.

Mayor reported that she threw out the first ball for the opening game for Little League. She also drew the winning ticket for a Chamber of Commerce raffle.

Mr. Paulhus and Ms. Koehn attended the League of Women Voters meeting on Ethics Commission.

X. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Reminder that there will be a Town/Gown meeting at 4:00 p.m. Tuesday.

The Bergin Correctional Facility did provide cleanup along roads in Mansfield.

There will be a joint meeting with the P&Z Commission on May 16 at 7:00 p.m. to here a presentation on the Downtown Partnership and the update on Municipal plan. It is for information only.

Town Manager handed out an update on partnership projects with the University. Also handed out was a report from the Assessor regarding the Board of Assessment Appeals. The Staff is working on a possible tax relief ordinance.

The Town Manager and Director of Public Works, Lon Hultgren has met with the Lion's Club members to discuss the transfer of Lion's Club Park to the Town.

XI. FUTURE AGENDAS

Ms. Koehn requested that the town research having emails sent to people on upcoming Town events. Staff will look into this proposal.

Ms. Koehn requested that a copy of the UConn water supply report be placed in the town library.

XII. PETITIONS, REQUESTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

7. University of Connecticut, Institute of Public Service, Handbook for Connecticut Boards of Assessment Appeals

8. E. Paterson re: FY 2005/06 Proposed Budget

9. E. Paterson re: E. Paterson re: UConn Spring Weekend 2005

10. E. Paterson re: Acknowledgment for Service to Mansfield Housing Authority

11. Mansfield Planning and Zoning Commission, Proposed Zoning and Subdivision Revisions to Implement a 9-month Subdivision and Re-subdivision Moratorium

12. Mansfield Planning and Zoning Commission, application Referral, 25-Lot Subdivision on Mansfield City Road Opposite White Oak Condominiums

13. Mansfield Planning and Zoning Commission, Application Referral, 11 Lot Subdivision off Baxter Road

14. Mansfield Planning and Zoning Commission, Application Referral, 9 Lot Subdivision between Storrs Road, Monticello Lane and Birchwood Heights Road

15. Mansfield Planning and Zoning Commission, Application Referral, 5 lot Subdivision on Bedlam Road

16. Connecticut Department of Public Health re: Water Supply Plan, University of Connecticut

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Not needed.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:45 p.m. Ms. Blair moved and Mr. Paulhus seconded to adjourn the meeting.

So passed unanimously.

Elizabeth Paterson, Mayor

Joan E. Gerdson, Town Clerk